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SUBJ: BREZHNEV VISIT TO BONN

HELSINKI FOR MPT DEL; VIENNA FOR MBFR DEL

1. SENIOR FONOFF OFFICIAL INFORMED EMBOFF MARCH 19 IN STRICT CONFIDENCE THAT USSR HAS SUGGESTED BREZHNEV VISIT TO BONN IN MAY. THE FRG HAS REPLIED BY OFFERING A MAY DATE WHICH IS DIFFERENT FROM THE DATE ORIGINALLY PROPOSED BY THE SOIEVTS. WHILE THE MATTER IS NOT YET FINALLY RESOLVED, OUR SOURCE SAID HE ASSUMES BREZHNEV WILL VISIT THE FRG IN MAY.

2. SOURCE SAID SOVIET HAD INDICATED THAT, IN ORDER TO UNDERLINE IMPORTANCE OF OCCASION, BREZHNEV WOULD VISIT ONLY FRG; THERE WOULD BE NO STOP IN EAST BERLIN OR IN ANY OTHER EUROPEAN CAPTIALS. EXACT STATUS OF BREZHNEV'S VISIT IS NOT YET CLEAR, BUT SOURCE SAID HE EXPECTED IT TO BE FULL STATE VISIT LASTING SOME FIVE DAYS AND INVOLVING VISITS TO OTHER WEST GERMAN CITIES AS
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WELL AS BONN.

3. FONOFF REP SAID THERE IS SOME CONCERN HERE THAT BREZHNEV MAY USE VISIT TO SEEK MODIFICATIONS IN THOSE PORTIONS OF CSCE/ MPT REPORT WHICH USSR FINDS DISAGREEABLE.

4. TO INJECT AN ELEMENT OF CONFUSION, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR HAS TOLD US THAT, DURING THE RECENT VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER HEATH TO BONN, THE CHANCELLOR SAID THAT ANY THOUGHT OF AN EARLY BREZHNEV VISIT TO THE FRG WOULD HAVE TO BE GIVEN UP IN VIEW OF THE BAD TURN WHICH THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE GDR AND FRG HAD TAKEN. IT COULD NOT BE OVERLOOKED THAT CRITICISM OF THE BASIC TREATY AND BY IMPLICATION THE ENTIRE EASTERN POLICY HAD GROWN CONSIDERABLY BECAUSE OF EAST GERMANY'S FAILURE TO CARRY OUT THE HUMAN IMPROVEMENTS AND OTHER ASPECTS OF THE BASIC TREATY, WITH A RESULTANT NEGATIVE REACTION IN THE FRG, EVEN AMONG SOME SPD SUPPORTERS.

COMENT: ONE CAN ONLY CONCLUDE EITHER THAT THE PROCESS OF CROSS-FERTILIZATION WITHIN THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT IS LESS THAN COMPLETE, OR THAT THE CHANCELLOR HAS CHANGED HIS MIND.
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